

LAWYERS WILL HAVE WORK

PREPARING TO ATTACK CONSTITUTIONALITY OF A LAW.

Corporations Stirred Up Through Receiving from the Auditor General Notices Relative to the "Company Store Act," and Direct Their Council to Lay the Framework for a Court Fight—A Broad and Important Piece of Legislation That Will Affect Thousands.

"The constitutionality of the Act of June 24, 1901, which was designed to put out of business the company stores conducted by coal and other corporations, is to be tested, and one of the prettiest and most important legal battles ever fought will result," says the Pittsburgh Times.

"The corporations running the stores have been stirred up through receiving from the auditor general notices and blank forms that are to be filled out, and for the past several days lawyers connected with firms that represent corporations principally, have been at work in the law library at the court house studying and taking notes from all the acts bearing on the matter of company stores and the like. Copies of the recent act are also in demand, and a dozen or more stenographers have taken it over."

WHAT LAW SAYS. "The law reads in part: 'That every person, firm, partnership, corporation or association shall, upon the first day of November of each and every year, make a report under oath or affirmation to the auditor general of the number and amounts of all orders, checks, dividends, coupons, passbooks and all other books and papers representing the amount in part or whole of the wages or earnings of an employee that was given, made or issued by him, them or it for payment of labor, and not redeemed by said person, firm, partnership, corporation or association issuing the same, by payment to the employee or a member of his family the full face value of the order, check, dividend, coupon, pass-book or other paper representing an amount due for wages or earnings, in lawful money of the United States within thirty days of the giving or issuing thereof, the honoring of said order, check, etc., representing an amount due for wages or earnings by a duly chartered bank, by the payment in lawful money of the United States, to the amount of said paper representing an amount due for wages or earnings, is a payment, and he, they or it shall, besides other requirements of law, pay into the treasury of the commonwealth twenty-five percentum on the face value of such orders, checks, etc.'"

PENALTY IMPOSED. "On those neglecting or refusing to make report as required by the act to the auditor general on or before December 1 of each and every year is imposed a penalty of twenty-five per cent, in addition to the twenty-five per centum tax. It is specified that the act shall not apply to tools and blasting materials and other mine supplies furnished by the employer to the employee, used by the employee at or about the mine, and not sold by the employer to the employee, nor to rent for houses leased from the employer and occupied by the employee. Neither does the act apply to moneys paid to the treasurers of the employees about coal mines who have agreed to have a pro rata part of their earnings paid by the operators to such treasurers who are to pay check-weighmen or check-measurers."

"The act is considered one of the broadest ever passed, and it is learned that the big concern will expend thousands of dollars to defeat its purposes. Much money, it is said, was distributed at Harrisburg in attempts to prevent the passage of the act, but representatives from the anthracite coal region procured pledges for its passage before they would agree to vote favorably for the new capital bill. It appears to mean a great deal to the corporations, and certainly means equally as much to the employee."

WAYS OF AVOIDING IT. "There are ways of getting around the act, and legal talent is now at work ferreting out schemes. It is understood that some firms will simply neglect to report to the auditor general as required, and the state will have to sue, and once the matter gets before the courts it is the intention of the corporations to fight until they have exhausted every means to defeat it. While the law was intended for the big corporations, principally the coal operators, its strict application, lawyers claim, will affect many individuals and small firms who employ help—for instance, the man who works for the grocer or dry goods merchant, taking out part of his wages in goods."

"It might mean that all trading, for things not necessarily needed by the employee in his vocation, between the employer and employee would have to be done on a cash basis. And there are thousands of grocery clerks, dry goods clerks, butchers' helpers, shoe clerks and others who get part of their wages in trade. It will also stop the practice of some small storekeepers employing a man to work for them at special jobs and giving the hired man an order on somebody else."

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AT WORK IN INDIA.

"Today Swedish and German Lutheran missionary societies are at work in India, as are also the Missouri Lutheran synod, the general council and our own general synod. Our general synod mission is located at Guntur, in the Madras presidency, fully equipped with schools, college, dispensary, hospital, etc. While the average number of accessions by baptism has been about 2,000 per annum for the past year, no less than 20,000 have sought instruction and training with a view to baptism, in this one mission."

"Greenland is of about the size of Pennsylvania, with a population of 10,000. Two hundred years ago Hans Egede, Lutheran pastor at Vaagen, Norway, was troubled about them. For thirteen years he planned and prayed for them. In 1710 he published a pamphlet entitled 'A Proposition for Greenland's Conversion and Enrichment.' It raised a storm of opposition among his friends and relatives. The tears and entreaties of his wife made him waver, but the words of Jesus saved him in this hour of temptation: 'He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me.'"

"His distinguished wife soon became of the same mind as he, and stood heroically by his side. He sailed upon the ship of Denmark for his mission, and received little encouragement. He finally resigned his pastorate in Norway; and in 1719 lay before the king and the Royal Mission College what he termed 'A proposition for Greenland's Conversion and Enrichment.' The king at that time looked with favor upon his project, but could promise no assistance. Egede determined that he would thereafter trust more in God than in the help of man. He prayed more earnestly than before, and by his help came, July 8, 1721, Egede and his few colonists landed in Greenland. He had a huge task before him. He was entirely ignorant of the Eskimo's language. In two years he had preached to the natives, and in four years before he could preach his first sermon. That was the beginning. Today Greenland is a Christian land. The last heathen was baptized in 1856. The entire population has been brought within the reach of the gospel of Jesus Christ."

BROUGHT LIGHT TO AFRICA. "As early as 1691, a German Lutheran pastor, Augustin, brought light to a number of years, and translated John's Gospel into the native tongue. In 1672, Danish Lutherans planted a colony on the Gold Coast of Africa. There were six German Lutheran missionaries at work today at work today along the eastern coast of Africa alone. There are about 15,000 Germans in South Africa, and they have their congregations. A missionary of the Berlin Missionary Society, laboring at Johannesburg, in the Transvaal, works among the natives employed in the gold mines, and preaches in five different languages."

"But the most important missionary work is that of the Hermannsburgers. This work was begun by Ludwig Harms. His father was the Lutheran pastor at Hermannsburg, in the northern part of Germany. The son, Philip, a pious and earnest Christian, up to the time he attended college, was pure-minded. When some associates indulged in indecent talk in his room, he took them by the neck and hurled them downstairs. He was highly gifted. When he was at university, he could speak eleven languages, and it is said he actually knew the entire Bible by heart."

"One day, while reading John 17:3, 'And this is life eternal, that they might know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.' The truth dawned upon his heart as it never had before. He entered the ministry, and there was a great shaking up of dry bones. In 1848 Missionary Seminary was opened with twelve students. Pastors and people prayed and worked together. One man gave all his property and offered himself as a candidate for the work in heathen lands. The next year a ship was built. Six preachers, two catechists and eight colonists boarded the vessel in 1853 for South Africa. At home they published a missionary paper. The missionaries established a new Hermannsburg, and extended the work to Zululand and Basutoland and elsewhere, until they now light up that entire section of the 'Twilight Continent.' Our General Synod has an industrial mission at Muhlengberg, on the West Coast."

CHRISTIANIZING CHINA. "Here is an empire of 400,000,000 people, with a population that is the seat of the intellect, and where the worship of heaven is restricted to the ruler. Seventy years ago Carl Gutzlaff, a Pomeranian Lutheran pastor, started on some splendid missionary work in China. He was a German, he dressed in Chinese fashion, spoke their tongue and adopted one of their names. It is said he looked much like a Chinaman. Being a physician, it gave him an additional hold on healing the sick. He could not settle anywhere, because it was against the laws of the empire, but he made four journeys across the northern part of the country. He published a revised edition of the New Testament in the Chinese language, and he prepared natives to help him in teaching and spreading the gospel. It was not very long until he had 200 native helpers."

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The Rev. Albert Hatcher Smith, D. D., who has recently been installed pastor of the Providence Baptist church, is not only a pulpit orator of great ability, but a writer whose fame has gone far to make his name familiar in the homes of the nation. Among the most notable works from Dr. Smith's pen, is the biography of Russell H. Conwell, one of the most entirely fascinating stories of men's lives which ever comes under the eye of the critic. The work is published by Silver, Burdett & Co., and while it is called "The Life of Russell H. Conwell," it also contains his great lecture, "Acres of Diamonds," and his oration, "Let There Be Light."

As it is written, the book reads like a fairy tale. The diction is beautiful, the composition most interesting. The writer who could thus make such pictures of a man's life surely has material in his brain for other work which will add to his fame as an author. The one chapter alone, the second in the book, contains possibilities from which a novelist would construct a powerful story, so dramatic are the situations, so tender the pathos, so fine the climax.

The book starts off with an explanation of why it is written, in the following interesting facts: "Russell H. Conwell, the lecturer, is the most sought after of any man on the lecture platform today. Of his thirty lectures, one, 'Acres of Diamonds,' has been delivered 2,600 times in twenty-nine years. His lecture engagements average 200 nights a year, and from his lecture fees he has contributed toward the education of poor students more than a half million dollars. Russell H. Conwell, the preacher, presides over the largest Protestant congregation in America. The net increase of his church during the seven years of his pastorate has been 2,800 members. Russell H. Conwell, the author, has written nineteen books, a number of which have had a sale exceeding 200,000 copies. Russell H. Conwell, the philanthropist, is founder and president of a college of 8,000 students, which in addition to a large day department, adapts itself to the needs of the working people, who are too busy and too poor to attend Harvard, Yale or Princeton, but who receive a liberal education during their evenings and in times of cessation from customary toil, inspiration and instruction. He is founder and promoter of The Samaritan hospital and an orphanage."

Dr. Smith has wrought a living, throbbing history of one of the greatest orators of our times, and so well constructed is the story that it should be in every library.

Until The Tribune, last Saturday, told of the modernizing process that is going on in the electric lighting system of Scranton, few knew, if any, other than those directly interested, had given the matter more than a passing thought or a possible comment on the new kind of lamp that was being used. There was a somewhat general surprise expressed at the announcement that an almost complete renovation of the city's lighting system had taken place. The immensity of the undertaking, the expenditure involved, and the brains that directed it were possibly never given a thought.

To E. M. Stack, the secretary and guiding genius of the allied companies, is attributable no small share of the improvements noted. He is one of those men who are not content to stand still. Anything he takes hold of must progress. To him, the new system is equivalent to going backwards. It would have been just as cheap, probably, to put up with the old system of lighting and trust to the "goodness" of councils to preserve the company from any serious kind of competition. But this was not Mr. Stack's method of doing business. The moment he took hold of the work of directing the operations of the allied companies, he set about the task of making their system as thoroughly up-to-date as the patronage would warrant, with good measure for the possibilities of the future. The consequence is that Scranton has not only an electric lighting system every way in keeping with its dimensions, but one that is just a bit in advance of it in every way one looks at the proposition. Scranton and the electric light companies are fortunate in the possession of Mr. Stack.

That is not always the talkative one who accomplishes the most, is attested by the career of one of Scranton's veteran school controllers, Henry J. O'Malley, of the Third ward. Mr. O'Malley has been often dubbed "the silent man from the North," but no man has as yet been rash enough to characterize him as an inactive member. It is to be read as one runs by any one who has kept an eye on school affairs, that the quiet, unobtrusive "gentleman from the Third," has succeeded almost every year in having the board appropriate to his ward about twenty-five per cent. more taxes than is realized from the assessment for school purposes on the property of that ward.

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Rev. Joseph Madison, who is well known in this city, preached last night at the Ash Street Methodist Episcopal church. The regular monthly service for deaf mutes was conducted yesterday afternoon in St. Luke's church, where the Rev. J. A. N. Smith, missionary to the deaf mutes, the sermon was given in the sign language.

Rev. Albert Hatcher Smith, the young and eloquent pastor of the First Baptist church, delivered the first of a series of sermons on "Christ in Redemption"